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cousin, Lane Jones. Samuel Timson, younger brother of William Timson, in 1741 sued Anna Maria, his [brother's] widow, then wife of Edmund Scarbrough, for "Vaulx Hall," claiming under the limitations of his father's will, and recovered it. Later, in 1761, the Joneses, after the death of Anna Maria, sued young Samuel Timson, grandson of Samuel Timson, plaintiff in the first suit, for the same property, and got a favorable decree. The will of John Hudson was proved in Albemarle county January 12, 1769, and was witnessed by Orlando Jones, Judith Jones, Elizabeth Woodson, and Frances Barber Jones. It refers to "my wife's part of the land in York county recovered of Samuel Timson, known by the name of Timson's Neck." It also refers to his wife Anne, son Charles, son Christopher, daughter Mary Gaines, daughter Anna Maria Hudson. Christopher Hudson, his son, was a captain in the state militia; he married Sarah Anderson, and their daughter, Eliza Anderson, married George Gilmer, father of Thomas Walker Gilmer, President Tyler's Secretary of the Navy. Orlando, Lane and William Jones, mentioned by Colonel Cary, were more probably the sons of Orlando Jones, who was in Albemarle in 1769 as a witness to the will of John Hudson.

THORNTON FAMILY.

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58. JOHN⁵ THORNTON (*Francis*,⁴ *Francis*,³ *Francis*,² *William*¹), of "Thornton Hill," Madison county, was born ———, and died in 1822. At the beginning of the Revolution he commanded a company of minute men from Culpeper county; was commissioned captain in third Virginia regiment, Continental Line, February 12, 1776; major of Grayson's additional Continental regiment March 20, 1777; lieutenant-colonel November 15, 1778; retired April 2, 1779; commanded a regiment of Virginia militia at Yorktown. Between 1833 and 1855 the State of Virginia issued to his heirs land-bounty warrants for 7,666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres for his services. The names of his children are given in the warrants. He married Jane, daughter of Augustine Washington, and niece of President Washington.

Issue: 123, Mary,⁶ married Dr. James (or Isaac) Winston; 124, Jane W.,⁶ married Rev. Francis Thornton; 125, Frances Gregory,⁶ married George Thornton; 126, Caroline R.,⁶ married — Thompson; 127, George W.,⁶ married Mildred, daughter of Aris Buckner, of Prince William county, and had an only child, Jane Washington⁶ Thornton, who married James B. Beck, U. S. Senator from Kentucky; 128, Augustine,⁶ said to have died *s. p.*, not named among his father's heirs.

65. WILLIAM⁵ THORNTON (*Francis*,⁴ *Rowland*,³ *Francis*,² *William*¹), of "Crowes," King George county, married, in 1757, Eliza-

beth Fitzhugh (*Parish Register*), and died in 1779, when his will was proved in King George.

Issue: 129, Susannah,⁶ married — Courts; 130, Francis⁶; 131, Elizabeth⁶; 132, Anne.⁶ Francis⁶ Thornton may have left issue, but I have no information concerning him.

PETER PRESLEY⁵ THORNTON (*Presley*,⁴ *Anthony*,³ *Francis*,² *William*¹), of "Northumberland House," Northumberland county, was born in St. Stephen's parish, Northumberland, August 10, 1750 (*Parish Register*); member of the House of Burgesses for that county in 1772 and 1774, and of conventions of July and December, 1775; appointed colonel of a regiment of minute men in 1775, but afterwards resigned, to accept a position as aide-de-camp to General Washington (*Virginia Gazette*), to which position he was appointed September 6, 1777. (Ford's *Writings of Washington*, XIV., 433.) On August 5, 1777, General Washington wrote from Germantown to John A. Washington: "I have taken Col. P. P. Thornton into my family as an extra aid. This, I dare say, his own merit, as well as the great worth of his father, well entitles him to." (Ford.) P. P. Thornton married, in 1771, Sally Throckmorton, of Gloucester county. (*Virginia Gazette*.) She was the daughter of Major Robert Throckmorton. It is believed that Peter Presley Thornton died before 1781. The records of Northumberland county will probably show whether he left issue. It is probable that he did not.

PRESLEY⁵ THORNTON (*Presley*,⁴ *Anthony*,³ *Francis*,² *William*¹) was born March 2, 1760, in St. Stephen's parish, Northumberland county (*Parish Register*), and was taken to England in boyhood by his mother. Judge John Tayloe Lomax, son-in-law of Captain Presley Thornton, said, in a letter dated October 1, 1858, writing of Mrs. Thornton and her sons: "Not many years after Colonel Thornton's death in 1769, the loyalty of this lady to her king at 'home' was much disturbed at the signs of the times, foreboding the political change in the relations between the colonies and the English government. She, in consequence thereof, shortly before the war, left this country and removed to England with all her children, and among them her three sons, Presley Thornton, John Tayloe, and Charles Wade Thornton. This lady's loyalty was very favorably remunerated after her arrival in England, for she was allowed by the king a pension, and her sons Presley and Wade were, while very young, placed in the army, and Tayloe in the navy. It seems there was an understanding that they should not

be employed in service against the colonies. They all three distinguished themselves in the British service. Presley was wounded at the siege of Gibraltar, where he displayed much gallantry." (*DeBow's Review*, XXVI.) He returned to Virginia immediately after the Revolution, and, under an act passed October, 1783, was restored to all rights as a citizen of Virginia, on condition of taking the oaths of allegiance. When an army was raised in 1798-'99, in view of expected war with France, Washington wrote, March 31, 1799, to Major-General C. C. Pinckney: "I have very little more knowledge of the captains in the Virginia Line, as arranged by us at Philadelphia, than what was derived from the source of information then laid before us. I have no hesitation, however, in mentioning the name of a gentleman (conditionally) to whom, under my present view of them, I should give a decided preference. It is Presley Thornton, son of one of the most respectable gentlemen, now deceased, of the same name in this State. He is thirty or thereabouts, amiable in his character. He was a British officer during our Revolution, but would not fight against his country, and therefore went to Gibraltar, and was in Garrison there during the siege by the Spaniards, where, it is said, he distinguished himself by his gallant behaviour." He also says that he will probably appoint Mr. Thornton one of his staff. (*Ford's Writings of Washington*.) Presley Thornton was captain in the 8th U. S. Infantry in 1799, and was honorably discharged June 15, 1800. About this time he sold his Northumberland estate, "Northumberland House," and removed to Genesee, New York, where he died in 1807. He married, soon after his return to Virginia, his cousin Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Francis Thornton, of "Society Hill." Issue: 133, Charlotte,⁶ married, July 25, 1805, at "Mannsfield," Spotsylvania county, Judge John Tayloe Lomax, of Caroline county; 134, *Arthur Witham*⁶; 135, Presley,⁶ died unmarried.

72. SIR CHARLES WADE⁵ THORNTON (*Presley*,⁴ *Anthony*,³ *Francis*,² *William*¹), born in Northumberland county June 1, 1764 (*Parish Register*), died unmarried April 6, 1854. A notice in *The Gentleman's Magazine* gives an account of the death, on the date named, at his apartments in St. James' Palace, London, of Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Wade Thornton, Knight, K. C. H., and Lieutenant-Governor of Hull; appointed second lieutenant in the Royal Artillery in 1779, first lieutenant in 1782; in March, 1782, accompanied the Guards to Holland; was wounded at the battle of Famars; was at the siege of Valenciennes, and lost his right

arm at the taking of Lannoy; captain, November, 1793; lieutenant-governor of Hull, 1816; equerry to the Duke of Cumberland, July 24, 1813; had the friendship of George IV. and William IV.; lieutenant-colonel, 1811; colonel, 1825; knighted, 1831; received the Royal Hanoverian Order and was commissioned major-general in 1837, and lieutenant-general in 1846. It is stated that during the Walcheren expedition he saved the life of the Duke of York. (*DeBow.*) The name of Sir Charles Wade Thornton frequently appears in *The Gentleman's Magazine* as a participant in coronations and royal funerals.

73. JOHN TAYLOE⁵ THORNTON (*Presley*,⁴ *Anthony*,³ *Francis*,² *William*¹) was born in Northumberland county on February 19, 1766. He was taken to England with his brothers, and received an appointment to the English navy. Judge Lomax says, in the letter before quoted: "Taylor was desperately wounded in one of the most desperate naval battles ever fought, between an English and a French frigate. In this engagement the action ceased by the mutual destruction of both ships, and all the men on both sides would have been lost but for the timely intervention of an approaching English vessel, which rescued from drowning the survivors, among whom was Midshipman J. T. Thornton. He returned to Virginia in 1783, and died about 1797, at 'Kennersly,' Northumberland county. He was, doubtless, the John Thornton who was member of the House of Delegates from Northumberland in 1784, 1785, and 1786. He married Susan Kenner."

Issue: 136, *Charles Wade*⁶; 137, *John Tayloe*.⁶

Addenda.—It should have been stated on page 164, Volume IV., that Charlotte,⁵ daughter of Col. Presley Thornton, of the council, married Philip Fitzhugh, of "Marmion," King George county.

[*To be continued*]

"A LIST OF PARISHES, AND THE MINISTERS IN THEM."

(*From Purdie & Dixon's Virginia Almanac for 1774.*)

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomack, ...	Accomack, ...	Rev. William Vere.
"	Saint George, ...	" [John ¹] Lyon.
Albemarle, ...	Saint Anne, ...	" Charles Clay.
"	Frederickville, ...	" Matthew Maury.

¹ Meade.